

RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
GROUP 1765  
**PATENT APPLICATION**

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re application of

Docket No: Q82315

Michel PUECH, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/500,654

Group Art Unit: 1765

Confirmation No.: 2879

Examiner: Mahmoud DAHIMENE

Filed: July 2, 2004

For: A METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ANISOTROPICALLY ETCHING SILICON  
WITH A HIGH ASPECT RATIO

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Commissioner for Patents

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 15, 2006, please consider the remarks as submitted herewith on the accompanying pages.

**REMARKS**

Claims 1-16 have been examined and have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a).

**I. Preliminary Matter**

As a preliminary matter, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the finality of the Office Action. The only feature added in the March 28, 2006 Amendment, which the Examiner